

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20-25 and 28-30 without prejudice or disclaimer;

Please amend claim 19; and

Please add new claim 31 as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) A system for applying glue to a moving web, the system comprising:

a glue nozzle coupled to a glue reservoir;

the glue nozzle comprising an outlet opening arranged to apply glue to the moving web while the moving web moves along a direction;

a device that delivers a substance to a region of the outlet opening; and

a system for feeding the substance to the device,

wherein the device delivers the substance behind the outlet opening relative to the direction, and

wherein the system for feeding the substance comprises a pressure regulator, a storage device for storing the substance, a system of pipes, a fine filter, a fine measuring valve, a directional control valve and a control unit.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the system for feeding the substance comprises a measuring unit having a modular construction.

Claims 16-17 (Cancelled).

18. (Previously Presented) A method of applying glue to a moving web utilizing a system that includes a glue nozzle coupled to a glue reservoir, the glue nozzle comprising a tip having an outlet opening arranged to apply glue to the moving web, and a device that delivers a substance to a region of the outlet opening, wherein the device is a tube whose tip is arranged adjacent the tip of the glue nozzle, the method comprising:

applying the glue onto the moving web while the moving web moves along a direction;

feeding the substance behind the outlet opening relative to the direction; and
at least one of:

controlling an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web;
and

regulating an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web via
a measuring unit; and

liquefying the glue after the applying.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising A method of applying glue to a moving web utilizing a system that includes a glue nozzle coupled to a glue reservoir, the glue nozzle comprising a tip having an outlet opening arranged to apply

glue to the moving web, and a device that delivers a substance to a region of the outlet opening, wherein the device is a tube whose tip is arranged adjacent the tip of the glue nozzle, the method comprising:

applying the glue onto the moving web while the moving web moves along a direction;

feeding the substance behind the outlet opening relative to the direction;

at least one of:

controlling an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web;
and

regulating an amount of the substance which is applied to the moving web via
a measuring unit; and

liquefying the glue after the glue is applied to the moving web, and

wherein the substance comprises at least one of a substance adapted to liquefy the
glue, a low-viscosity fluid, water, and water vapor.

Claims 20-30 (Cancelled).

31. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein an internal passage of the tube is smaller than an internal passage of the glue nozzle.